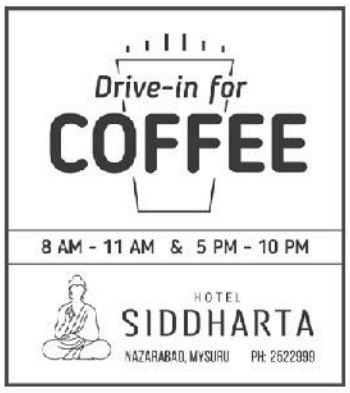

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Nationwide bomb threat e-mails

Delhi Police arrest Mysuru resident

Tech-savvy man sent 1,100 bomb threat e-mails to Govt. Offices, Courts, Schools across India

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (BLU&BCT)- A man accused of sending fake bomb threat messages that triggered panic across the country has been arrested by the Delhi Police with the assistance of the Mysuru City Police.

An FIR was registered at the New Delhi Cyber Economic and Narcotic (CEN) Crime Police Station, based on a complaint filed by a Judge. The Delhi Police have produced the accused before a Mysuru Court and obtained his custody and a transit warrant to take him to the national capital for further investigation.

Accused Srinivas

The accused has been identified as Srinivas (47) alias Srinivas Louis, a resident of Brindavan Extension in Mysuru. Police said he had been operating discreetly and issuing threatening messages about bomb blasts.

Several Government Offices across the country, including State Assemblies, Schools and Courts, received bomb threat e-mails, triggering widespread alarm and panic.

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Hunsur Rural Police seize 48-kg Mephedrone worth Rs. 12 crore

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Intl. Women's Day Special...

To commemorate International Women's Day and to celebrate women from different fields, *Star of Mysore* is publishing special articles during the month since Mar. 8, 2026.

Today *SOM* features Dr. Sashikala Ramnath, an Occupational Therapist, who has spent over three decades helping children and families navigate the complexities of developmental disabilities.—**Ed** **[Turn to page 6]**

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 28th March 2026

RPF to conduct firing practice: Mandya villagers cautioned

Mysuru, Mar. 28 - The Railway Protection Force (RPF), Mysuru Division, South Western Railway (SWR), will be conducting the 1st Phase Annual Range Classification Target Practice at Dodda Byadarahalli Firing Range in Mandya district from Mar. 31 to Apr. 1 between 6 am and 3 pm.

In view of this exercise, all neighbouring villagers are hereby advised to avoid the movement of people and livestock in and around Dodda Byadarahalli Firing Range during the above mentioned day and timings.

This precaution is necessary to ensure public safety and to prevent any untoward incidents.

The co-operation of the local residents will be appreciated, stated a press release from Girish Dharmaraj Kalagonda, Divisional Commercial Manager & Public Relations Officer, SWR Mysuru Division.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ASSUMPTION VS BELIEF - THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL FREEDOM: ***When seekers attempt to describe their spiritual state of being, they often use the words assumption and belief as if they were interchangeable. In ordinary conversation this may pass unnoticed, but in matters of spiritual understanding the difference between the two is profound. Confusing them can lead to misunderstanding, because the purpose of describing any spiritual experience is either to offer clarity or to seek it.***

Those who have understood the deeper meaning of these words have a responsibility to clarify their distinction. When a person assumes something consciously, he accepts responsibility for it. Belief, however, often shifts responsibility away from the individual toward an external authority. In this sense, assumption opens the path to freedom and inner independence, while belief can easily harden into rigidity, making one defensive, adamant or even arrogant.

Consider a simple example. When you voluntarily choose to serve another person, what actually happens through your words, mind and actions? You first recognise the need of the other. Then you attempt to fulfil that need through appropriate means and thoughtful action. This process is alive and relational. It arises because you have assumed responsibility by your own choice. No external authority compels you to act in this way. Your service is guided by awareness of the living person before you, not by obedience to a fixed instruction. In this sense, assumption is dynamic, it remains open to dialogue, understanding and change.

Now imagine performing the same act because a book commands you to do so; the action may still appear similar, yet its spirit changes. The process becomes governed by rules and procedures. The person you serve may gradually become secondary, while the instruction itself becomes primary. The living individual turns into a means for fulfilling the command. But a book is not a conscious being. Only living beings possess needs and the capacity for discernment. When belief replaces responsibility, trust in the wisdom of human interaction diminishes.

As conscious beings, we should prioritise living relationships rather than blindly following words written long ago under circumstances very different from our own. If human beings shifted from mere belief to conscious assumption of responsibility, many conflicts might never arise. Imagine that each of us assumed responsibility for peace. Who then could persuade us to wage war?

— Nandkishore in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

This carrier can hold over 9,000 cars

Beijing: With a holding capacity of up to 9,100 vehicles (conventional or electric), the Höegh Aurora holds the title of "world's largest vehicle carrier".

Operated by Norway's Höegh Autoliners, the Aurora was built by China Merchants Heavy Industry (CMHI) in Jiangsu and made its maiden voyage last year.

Measuring about 37.5 meters wide and 199.9 meters long, it is considered the world's largest Pure Car and Truck Carrier (PCTC) vessel for transporting various types of vehicles and thanks to strengthened decks and enhanced internal ramp systems, it can carry heavier electric vehicles on all 14 decks, making it future-proof. With a cargo capacity of 9,100 vehicles, the first Höegh Aurora class carrier beats the previous world's largest vehicle carrier by 600 vehicles.

Scarecrows use laser to keep birds away

Eugene: A blueberry farm in Oregon was having big problems with birds stealing up to 25% of their crops and this year, they addressed the problem using a somewhat unconventional new technology.

At the start of the blueberry growing season, the farm installed 6 Agrilaser Autonomics — automated laser guns which are mounted on a pedestal. These laser guns shoot a steady green laser beam across the bushes. The birds seem to mistake the laser for an incoming predator, and will immediately flee whenever the laser comes close to them.

The company that makes the lasers, claims that their technology has reduced the number of birds on the farm by 99%. The farm believes that the lasers have saved around 262,500 kilograms of blueberries—that is around $99,733 saved! The reason for the laser's incredible success lies in the sweeping pattern of the laser.

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MGP meeting tomorrow to discuss 'Property Green Tagging'

Mysuru, Mar. 28- The monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at the residence of Ramesh Kikkeri, No. 139, Susthira, Sharadanagara Railway Layout, Bogadi, Mysuru, from 4 pm onwards.

This month meeting is in view of the prevailing national concern about scarcity of cooking fuel. It is also a coincidence that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has made allocation for 'Green Property Tag' in their budget.

MGP has arranged an on-site live demonstration of such 'green' property already in existence for over a decade. This learning and adoption will help people reuse and harness energy available within our own compounds, reduce fresh fossil fuel import and prevent handling and burning our wastes into the air. This is also an opportunity for citizens and consumers to think about their duties in addition to the rights.

The meeting will be held in small batches of 10 people for 15-20 mins each with Q&A.

Ramesh Kikkeri (Engineer) and U.N. Ravi Kumar (Scientist), who are active Conservationists and Life Members of MGP, will speak on the topic 'Green Upgrading Houses.'

Those interested may contact Mob: 88618-70006 (Ravi Bale) or 96205-43516 (Ramesh).

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REALLY...?

- ***The Tulsi Shyam hills of Ladakh have an uphill road that is known to have an anti-gravitational force.***
- ***Lonar Lake in Maharashtra was formed by a plummeting meteor about 52,000 years ago.***
- ***In 700 BC India was home to the world's first university — Takshila.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *What is a computer's first sign of old age?*
Joe: *Loss of memory.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 94.89**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 125.88**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 25.84**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 109.56**

VOICE OF THE READER

Misuse of parks as open-air bars!

Sir,

I would like to draw the attention of the authorities to the growing misuse of several public parks in Mysuru. These parks are meant for morning and evening walkers, senior citizens, children and families seeking a healthy environment.

However, it has been increasingly observed that many parks are being misused as open-air bars late in the evening after regular walkers leave.

Groups of people gather inside the parks to consume liquor, leaving behind empty bottles, food parcels and other litter. The following morning, walkers and visitors are forced to witness an unhygienic and unpleasant environment. Apart from spoiling the beauty of the parks, such activities also create safety concerns for local residents.

Public parks are valuable community spaces intended for recreation and well-being. I request the civic authorities and Police to ensure stricter monitoring, proper lighting and regular patrolling in the parks to prevent such misuse. I hope the concerned will take necessary steps to restore the sanctity and cleanliness of these public spaces.

—**Bikkodu Mahanthesha Patil**
Aravindanagar 14.3.2026

Medical Education Minister to tour district tomorrow

Dr. Patil

Mysuru, Mar. 28- Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Dr. Sharan Prakash R. Patil will undertake a one-day tour of the district tomorrow.

Dr. Patil, who will arrive in the city by road tomorrow morning, will visit the MMC&RI attached Hospitals at 11.30 am.

The Minister will later take part in the inauguration of JSS Hospital's new Cath Lab, Ultra-modern AI-based CT scanner, upgraded MRI, Neurology treatment machine and Breast Milk Bank at Sri Rajendra Centenary Hall at 5.30 pm. He will leave for Bengaluru at 8 pm.

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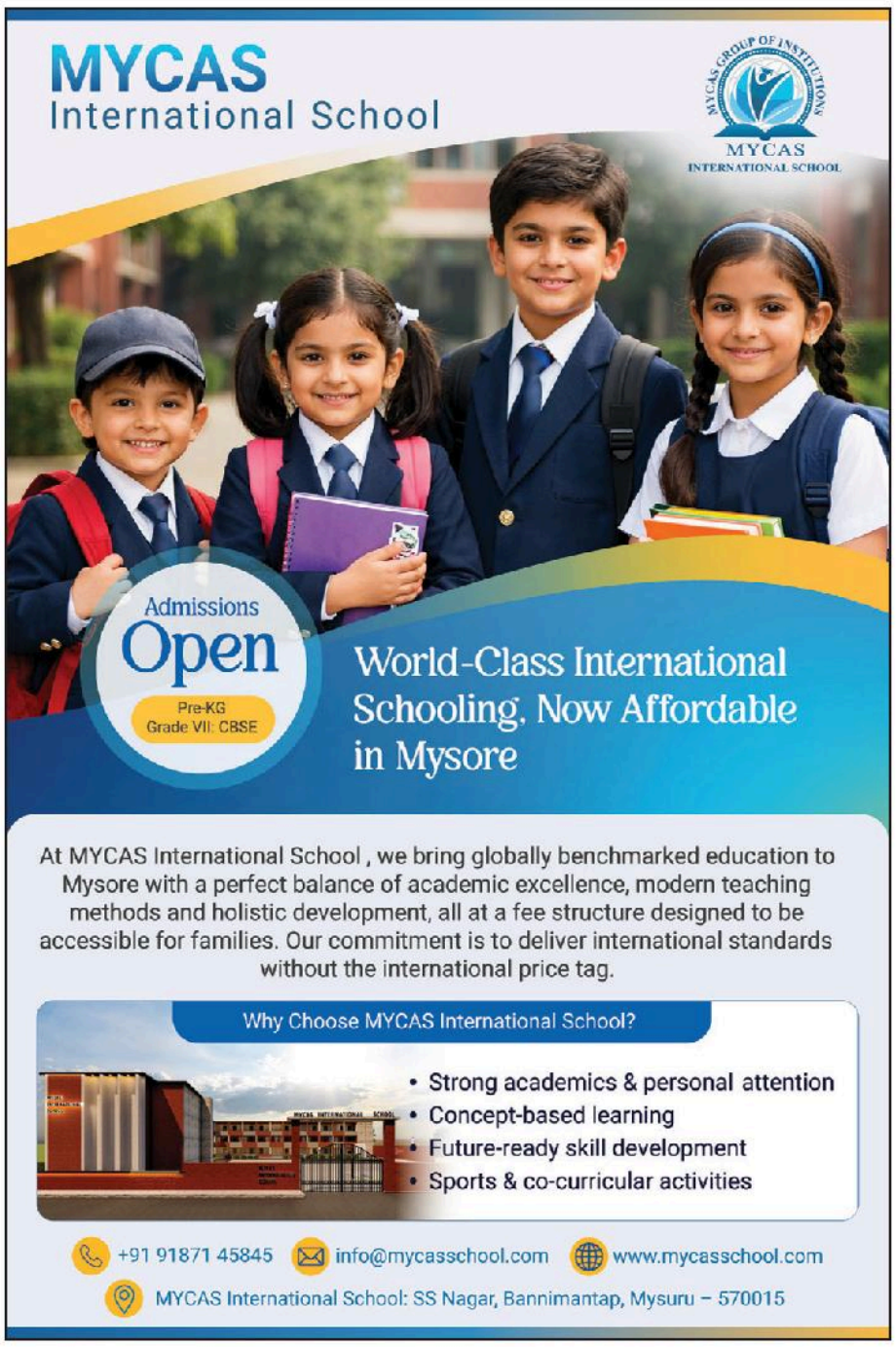
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Hunsur Police bust synthetic drug lab

48-kg Mephedrone worth Rs. 12 crore seized; Two, including one from Mysuru, arrested

SP Mallikarjun Baladandi addressing media in city this morning.

A room inside the Hunsur farmhouse used to manufacture the synthetic drug. Picture right shows Hunsur Rural Police Inspector Santosh Kashyap and staff at the shed which was raided yesterday evening.

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (BLU&BCT)- The Hunsur Rural Police have uncovered a major synthetic drug manufacturing racket operating from a remote farmhouse in Hunsur Taluk and seized 48-kg of Mephedrone worth about Rs. 12 crore last evening.

The seizure includes 7.35-kg of Mephedrone and 41-kg of drug precursor. Two persons, including one from Mysuru city, have been arrested.

Addressing reporters at his office this morning, Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi said the accused have been identified as Mohammad Irfan (30), a resident of Siddique Mohalla in Mysuru and Mohammad Irfan (42), a resident of Rehmat Mohalla in Hunsur, who owned the farmhouse and the surrounding land.

The farmhouse, located between Rathnapuri and Dasanapura villages, was being used to illegally process and pack large quantities of synthetic drugs.

Credible tip-off

According to the SP, the Hunsur Rural Police Station received credible information last evening about suspicious activities near Rathnapuri village.

The informant indicated that Mohammad Irfan, along with his associates, was engaged in the illegal preparation of synthetic drugs inside a shed on his farmland. The group was reportedly manufacturing narcotic substances without a licence, using raw materials stored at the shed.

Based on the information, a case was registered at Hunsur Rural Police Station. Following this, Hunsur Sub-Division Dy. SP Ravi, Hunsur Rural Police Inspector Santosh Kashyap and team conducted a raid on the farmhouse. When the suspects attempted to flee, the Police chased them for nearly 10 kms before apprehending them near Salim Palace on the outskirts of Hunsur town, the SP said.

Our team had to wear protective masks

The Hunsur farmhouse had been rented in February by individuals with links to Mumbai. During the raid, our team had to wear protective masks as the fumes from the stocked substances were strong and caused irritation to the eyes. Three special teams have been formed to trace the remaining accused and the wider network, with one team already dispatched to Mumbai.

— Mallikarjun Baladandi, Superintendent of Police, Mysuru

Farmhouse rented in February

Preliminary investigations revealed that the farmhouse had been rented in February by individuals with links to Mumbai, who transported raw materials from there. The secluded location was chosen to conceal the illegal operation.

The SP said six people were involved in the network. While two have been arrested, four others, including two individuals believed to be experts in drug preparation, are absconding.

Meanwhile, sources told *Star of Mysore* that four persons who had recently checked into a lodge in Rathnapuri, reportedly from outside the State, disappeared soon after the Police raid began.

Packed in different quantities

Police said the drugs were packed in different quantities, and raw chemicals were procured through online channels. The materials were reportedly transported using a tractor fitted with goods boxes. A large quantity of drugs was left for drying before being mixed as per the desired proportions.

A case has been registered at the Hunsur Rural Police Station under Crime No. 151/2026, invoking Sections 31(G), 21(G), 22(J), 22(C) and 38 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, which relate to illegal possession, manufacture, sale and transportation of commercial quantities of narcotic and psychotropic substances.

The synthetic drug materials kept for drying before mixing.

Laptops yet to be traced

Hunsur Rural Police have seized mobile phones, though laptops used in the operation are yet to be traced. Investigations are underway to identify the distribution network and customer base linked to the racket.

The seizure follows earlier drug cases in Mysuru city and has raised concerns that such activities are spreading to rural areas. Investigators said the repeated seizures indicate that drug networks, including those with links to Mumbai, are increasingly targeting the region.

Two-day massive 'Swachhata' campaign launched in city

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MTY&DM)- In a bid to clean up the spaces along the entire stretch of the city's Outer Ring Road (ORR), which are dumped with heaps of construction debris and other wastes, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), in association with several organisations launched a massive two-day 'Swachhata' campaign this morning.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif flagged-off the campaign at Doddakere Maidan located opposite Dasara Exhibition in city.

Speaking on the occasion, Shaikh Tanveer Asif said during the 2-day campaign, the construction debris and other wastes that have piled up in heaps along the entire stretch of the 45-km long ORR will be cleared of debris.

"As many as 36 JCBs, 32 tractors, 8 tippers and 11 dozers of the MCC and other supplementary waste clearing machinery and equipment lent by MCC contractors and voluntary organisations are being used in this massive drive" he said.

Adding that all four Town Municipal Councils (Srirampura, Rammanahalli, Kadakola and Bogadi), Hootagalli CMC (City Municipal Council) and two Gram Panchayats were extending support for the campaign, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif said several NGOs and citizen groups too had joined hands in this massive campaign.

He appealed the public not to throw or dump debris, wastes or garbage along the ORR and sought co-operation from the public for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in the city to earn more points during the Swacch Survekshan. MCC officials and engineers were present.

Siddartha Buddha Vihar inauguration

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (GA&DM)- The inauguration of a full-fledged Siddartha Buddha Vihar and installation of Buddha statue will take place at D. Sanjeevaiah Memorial Educational Institutions premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage tomorrow (Mar. 29).

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Karnataka Buddha Dhamma Samiti Mysuru Unit General Secretary R. Mahadevappa said Nagpur Aloka Buddha Vihar's Vinayarakkitha Banteji will grace the 'Dharmika Sabha' event and installation of Buddha statue at 9 am tomorrow.

Chennalinganahalli Chetavana Buddhavihara's Manorakkitha Banteji, Bylakuppe Nalanda Vishwavidyalaya's Karmarimpuji Banteji, Kudlur Nalanda Buddha Vihar's Bodhiratna Banteji, Chennai's Mahabodhi Mission's Buddhaprakash Banteji, Chamarajanagar Nalanda University's Bodhiratna Banteji, Mysuru BSI-Sanghanayaka State Unit's Bante Kalyana Siri and others will be present.

DG&IGP Dr. M.A. Saleem to visit Mysuru, Kodagu

Dr. Saleem

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (VNS)- DG&IGP Dr. M.A. Saleem will be on a two-day visit to Mysuru and Kodagu districts today and tomorrow.

Dr. Saleem, who will be arriving in Mysuru by road at 5 pm today, will visit KARP Mounted Coy and stay overnight in city.

He will attend the Passing Out Parade of 46th Batch of Probationary PSIs (Civil) at Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Grounds at 8 am tomorrow (Mar. 29).

Following this, Dr. Saleem will leave for Kodagu at 11 am to hold a review meeting of Kodagu District Police. He will visit Police Stations and Police Lines before leaving Kodagu at 6 pm to reach Bengaluru by 10 pm.

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Date: 28.03.2026 Place: Mysore **Principal**

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

A pioneer in occupational therapy, Dr. Sashikala Ramnath has worked with hundreds of families navigating developmental disabilities through 'Putta Hejje.'

Guiding Baby Steps

Mobility using a puppy scooter.

Communicating using Avaz app on a tablet.

Weight bearing in sitting.

In a world where developmental disabilities often go unnoticed, Dr. Sashikala Ramnath has spent over three decades helping children and families navigate these challenges. An occupational therapist with more than 35 years of experience, she has guided countless families through the complexities of developmental care.

Raised in Mumbai, Sashikala holds a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy and a Certificate in Rehabilitation from Mumbai, besides a Bachelor's degree in Education from Annamalai University. She has worked in leading institutions in Mumbai and Bengaluru, including NIMHANS. For the past 25 years, she has been based in Mysuru, where she established the Occupational Therapy Department at JSS Hospital. She is also a Founding Member of Sneha Kiran of Mysore Spastic Society and continues her work through Putta Hejje, an early intervention programme at Asha Kirana Hospital in Hebbal.

An avid reader who enjoys music, Bharatanatyam, films and fitness, Sashikala balances her professional commitment with personal interests. *Star of Mysore* spoke to Dr. Sashikala Ramnath about her journey and her work supporting children with developmental disabilities.

By Shadan Muneer

Star of Mysore (SOM): Occupational Therapy was still a niche field when you began your career. What inspired you?

Dr. Sashikala Ramnath: Occupational therapy was not widely known then. I was drawn to it because it combines medical knowledge with practical care and can make a real difference in people's lives. Over the years, my work in hospitals and rehabilitation centres shaped my approach. Today, I continue that work through Putta Hejje, focusing on early intervention for children.

The field has grown tremendously and is now widely recognised as essential, though greater awareness of its full scope is still needed.

SOM: How would you explain Occupational Therapy and Early Intervention?

Dr. Sashikala: Occupational Therapy helps people overcome challenges in daily life by assessing their neurological and physical abilities and providing practical support through simple aids and adaptations. It supports children and adults with conditions such as developmental delays, neurological disorders or stroke, helping them manage everyday activities more independently.

Early Intervention focuses on identifying developmental delays in infants and young children, especially in the first five years when the brain develops rapidly. Timely therapy, along with active parent involvement, supports the child's overall growth.

SOM: Can you tell us about Putta Hejje?

Dr. Sashikala: Putta Hejje, which means 'baby steps,' is an early intervention programme for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities. We aim to identify and support children as early as possible.

The programme combines occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech therapy and special education, with strong parent involvement. Our team works closely with families to guide them, prevent complications and help each child reach potential.

When I began, Mysuru did not have a centre offering comprehensive early intervention services under one roof. Dr. Mothi, Chairman of Asha Kirana Charitable Trust, invited me to start Putta Hejje to fill that gap.

> "Disability is part of our society, not someone else's problem. Small acts of kindness towards children with special needs can greatly boost their confidence... Patience, guidance and belief make all the difference. We must be sensitive and ensure children never feel 'disabled,' but valued and cherished like any other child."

SOM: What best practices have you incorporated into Putta Hejje?

Dr. Sashikala: My experience taught me to understand each child's medical needs, build strong connections with families and set realistic goals. At Putta Hejje, we focus on regular progress monitoring, teamwork with doctors and therapists and staying updated. Guidance from experienced colleagues has also been invaluable.

SOM: Helping over 850 families through Putta Hejje is a significant milestone. Which moments have been most fulfilling for you?

Dr. Sashikala: What stays with me is how even little progress can bring great relief to families. I remember a grandmother travelling from Maddur while caring for her grandson with severe cerebral palsy. With simple therapy and guidance, she was eventually able to manage his care better and find some peace.

In another case, a 10-month-old child, who initially showed no response, began to recognise her parents and smile within a few months of therapy. I have also seen children grow into independent adults. One child with a severe physical disability went on to study engineering and now works in a software firm. These moments remind me that disability does not define potential.

SOM: How can parents identify if their child may need early intervention?

Dr. Sashikala: Parents should watch for delays in walking, talking, playing or social interaction. If a child consistently lags behind others of the same age in how they play, learn, communicate or move, it could indicate a developmental delay. Early action and consulting a paediatrician are crucial.

SOM: How has your approach to therapy evolved over the years?

Dr. Sashikala: Today, I focus more on parent training and the use of technology to support therapy at home. While there have been advances in knowledge, assistive devices and medical support, the core remains the same: Consistent effort and close collaboration between therapists and families.

SOM: How do you build rapport with such children and counsel their parents?

Dr. Sashikala: Autism cases have risen significantly. Building rapport with such children requires patience. I first allow the child to feel comfortable in a relaxed setting and as trust develops, they become more cooperative. We also help parents understand that initial distress is a natural response.

Counselling parents is equally important. Many families face stigma and confusion, so I focus on setting realistic expectations while also giving them hope. We involve all family members, address concerns and help them understand how best to support the child.

SOM: It is a long journey. Do parents sometimes give up midway?

Dr. Sashikala: Yes, it does happen. Some parents expect quick results, but therapy has no instant fix. Families may discontinue therapy due to unrealistic expectations, financial or logistical difficulties, societal pressure or false promises of a 'complete cure.' Consistency and patience are essential.

In many families, mothers shoulder most of the responsibility while fathers are less involved. I encourage both parents to participate, as supportive fathers can make a big difference in the child's progress.

SOM: Your work can be emotionally demanding. What challenges have you faced and how do you stay emotionally strong?

Dr. Sashikala: Early in my career, working with individuals with psychiatric conditions was particularly challenging and required patience and deep understanding. Every individual is different and meeting their needs means constantly learning and adapting.

I manage the emotional demands through regular exercise, a positive outlook and resilience, which help me stay motivated to support every family that comes to me.

SOM: Since Putta Hejje is a non-profit organisation, is financial support a challenge?

Dr. Sashikala: Yes, it is a major challenge. While people are often willing to donate for equipment, it is much harder to secure funds for recurring expenses like staff salaries.

We are reaching out to corporates for CSR support, though building long-term partnerships takes time. Support from local service clubs and well-wishers has helped us sustain our work so far.

SOM: What is your vision for Putta Hejje?

Dr. Sashikala: We hope to expand our services to rural areas, where awareness and access to early intervention are still limited. We also aim to train parents, as they understand their children best, and bring in more young professionals. Achieving this will depend on adequate funding and trained personnel.

SOM: What message would you like to share about understanding and supporting children with disabilities?

Dr. Sashikala: Disability is part of our society, not someone else's problem. Small acts of kindness towards children with special needs can greatly boost their confidence. We must be sensitive and ensure they never feel 'disabled,' but valued and cherished like any other child. The goal is to improve their quality of life, even if the condition cannot be completely cured.■

Functional visual training monitored by Dr. Sashikala.

Hand use on the prone board to enable crawling.

Training session for parents of children with special needs.

Putta Hejje Director Dr. Sashikala Ramnath** (extreme left) **with Dr. Pinakin Ayare, Dr. Subbalaxmi and Anupam Vittal.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) will be taking up 4th quarterly maintenance works at Vijayanagar Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Mar. 29) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Gokulam 1st, 2nd & 3rd Stages, Mahadeshwara Layout, Vijayanagar 1st & 2nd Stages, Hinkal, Yadavagiri, Manjunathapura, Mahajana Layout, Vontikoppal, Jayalakshmipuram, Akashvani, ESI Hospital, Kalidasa Road, Yadavagiri Industrial Area, Vijayanagar Water Tank, Adipampa Road, Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Brindavan Extension, Yoga Narasimhaswamy Temple and surrounding areas.

Owing to borewell repair works at 11 KV Kirloskar and 11 KV Gokuldas Power Line (coming under Hootagalli Sub-division limits), there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 2 pm in the following areas: Hootagalli & Belawadi Industrial areas, Lingadevarakoppal, KRS Road (CG Block), Kirloskar Industrial area, Gokuldas Industrial area and surrounding areas.

CT Offices open on Mar. 30

The Commercial Taxes (CT) Department Offices will remain open on Mar. 30 in view of closure of financial years 2025-26. In a statement, the Department said that there will be a public holiday on Mar. 30 on account of Mahaveer Jayanti but the Department of Commercial Taxes will remain open.

Sub-Registrar Offices to work

The Sub-Registrar Offices across the State will work on Mar. 28 (today) and Mar. 29 (Sunday), a Revenue Department notification said. The decision was taken in view of the public holiday for Mahaveer Jayanti being shifted to Mar. 30 instead of Mar. 31.

No meat sale

On account of Mahaveer Jayanti, the MCC has ordered closure of slaughter houses and banned sale of all types of meat in city limits on Mar. 30 (Monday).

Special lecture

The Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage has organised a special lecture on 'Indian Heritage' at the Department Auditorium in Dasara Exhibition Grounds at 11 am on Mar. 31. Noted Historian Arati Vibhu will deliver a talk and also screen a documentary. Interested students, historians and members of the public can attend the lecture. Call Mob: 73490-57976.

Tiger dies after getting trapped in a snare at Nagarahole

11-year-old tigress rescued at Bandipur Tiger Reserve

The carcass of the tiger found at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Picture right shows the tigress rescued from Channamallipura at BTR.

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MTY&VNS)- A two-year-old male tiger died after getting trapped in a snare, kept for wild boars, at Metikuppe Forest Range in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. The carcass of the tiger was found at an agricultural land at Agasanahundi village located about 300 mts from the forest.

It is said that the tiger was found lying in trench located between the lands belonging to Girish and Balashankar. On receiving the information Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Director P.A. Seema, ACF S.D. Madhu, Metikuppe RFO M.R. Rashmi, NTCA Representative Thammaiah, Wildlife Board Member Ravindra Raghunath and others visited the spot.

Sources said that the farmers had kept the snare to capture wild boars from damaging crops. Unfortunately, the male tiger which was separated from his mother recently got trapped while marking its new boundary. The Forest sleuths, after mahazar, shifted the tiger carcass to another location where Dr. Ramesh conducted the post mortem before it was cremated as per the rules. A case has been registered against the land owners.

Meanwhile, the wildlife activists have urged the Forest Department to conduct a thorough inspection to remove the snares kept in the agricultural lands located in the forest fringes.

Following the tiger's death, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has ordered a probe by a team led an officer of Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) rank. He also said that action would be initiated against the staff members on finding lapses while patrolling.

Tiger rescued in Bandipur

In another incident, the Forest officials rescued an 11-year-old tigress spotted at Channamallipura village located at Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR). The incident occurred about five days ago. The villagers on spotting the tigress informed the Forest officials, who rushed to the spot and tried to chase the tigress back to forest using the tamed elephants Mahendra and Bheema. However, after finding out the wildcat was in an exhausted state, the Forest officials captured the tigress and shifted it to the wildlife rehabilitation centre at Koorgalli in Mysuru.

Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director S. Prabhakaran, Conservator of Forest Ravishankar, ACF Manjunath, RFOs Manjunath, D. Puneeth Kumar, Nisar Ahmed, Vairamudi, Gundlupet Inspector Jayakumar, SI Naresh and others were present.

It is suspected that the tigress is the mother of a tiger cub found on Mar. 23 at the same location. The tigress and cub have been kept in adjacent cages. The Forest officials have been watching the movements and behaviour of the tigress to know if the cub belonged to it.

Former Mysore Varsity VC accuses current VC of lying

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MK&DM)- Former University of Mysore (UoM) and KSOU Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. K.S. Rangappa has taken strong objection to the University's decision to revoke the autonomy granted to Yuvaraja's College.

Prof. Rangappa

Objecting to current UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath's statement during the University Budget and Special Academic Council Meeting held on Thursday that autonomy to Yuvaraja's College has been withdrawn due to inevitable reasons, Prof. Rangappa asserted that there is no relationship to the alleged misuse of Rs. 1 crore UGC grant to the college and the reasons assigned by the VC for withdrawal of Autonomy.

Questioning why Prof. Lokanath who has been the UoM VC for three years, has not taken any action of fund misuse, Prof. Rangappa expressed concern that the withdrawal of autonomy to Yuvaraja's College now will hurt the status of the college.

Accusing Prof. Lokanath of misleading the UoM Syndicate and Academic Council Members through false claims, Prof. Rangappa alleged that the Autonomy was withdrawn after forcibly obtaining 'Don't want autonomy' letters from Yuvaraja's College teaching faculty. The revoking of the Autonomy will surely hurt the independence of the college, he maintained.

Cancellation of A-Scheme affects students

Severely opposing the UoM's decision to scrap A-Scheme and bring changes to B-Scheme in the University's Post-Graduate Courses admission, Prof. Rangappa said, earlier, 50 percent of the seats were reserved for meritorious students under A-Scheme, while the remaining 50 percent of the seats were allotted under B-Scheme upon payment of prescribed fees. But now, Prof. Lokanath has scrapped A-Scheme, which has dealt a huge blow to meritorious and poor students, he argued.

Courses shut down

Commenting on Prof. Lokanath's claims that no courses have been shut down in UoM, Prof. Rangappa maintained that several courses have been shut down in the past 3 years. This has severely hurt academics in the University, he said and demanded an internal inquiry into the matter.

Claiming that UoM Treasury was going empty due to unnecessary expenditures, Prof. Rangappa said, UoM had a corpus fund of Rs. 400 crore which included allotments for pensions, general funds and other resources, when he left UoM nearly 10 years ago. But now, Prof. Lokanath is only engaged in inviting tenders and spending money heavily on unnecessary works. This has led UoM on the path of bankruptcy, he claimed.

Misuse of college fees

Case against 4 employees

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MK&DM)- Metagalli Police have registered a case against four employees of a city institute for alleged misuse of college fees amounting to Rs. 2.36 crore over the past few years.

Vikram Education Trust and Sanath Group of Institutions located near RBI on Ring Road, is running Health Education courses since 2005 with current enrolment of about 800 students. College Accountant K. Satish, Asst. Accountant Shilpa, Clerk Shantapuja and Attender Chandru were serving at the Institute for the past 8 years, who have now been accused of misusing Rs. 2,36,26,000, by issuing fake fee receipts to the students after collecting money from them. The misappropriation of money came to light during a recent internal audit of the Institution.

Subsequently, Institution Managing Trustee Dr. H.N. Sanath Kumar lodged a complaint with the jurisdictional Metagalli Police, accusing 4 employees of misappropriation of Rs. 2.36 crore belonging to the Institute.

Dr. Sanath, in his complaint, also said, Accountant Satish is suspected to have destroyed vital data of the Trust & College and of erasing data pertaining to the office transactions. He accused Satish of going absconding after hacking data & personal records stored in his Mac Book & Laptop and even threatening him with life. Metagalli Police are investigating.

Delhi Police arrest Mysuru resident

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However, searches carried out as per mandatory security protocols later confirmed that the threats were fake. Authorities could not ignore the messages due to the serious security implications and the need to ensure public safety.

Investigators found that multiple such e-mails had been sent within a month. A scan of the accused's laptop reportedly revealed that more than 1,100 bomb threat e-mails had been sent.

A bachelor living with his mother

Srinivas, a bachelor, was living with his mother, who is a pensioner, at Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, Mysuru. His brother is settled elsewhere. Investigators said he was technically savvy and used laptops and the internet in an attempt to conceal his identity and avoid detection.

Police said he used VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) calls, a technology that allows phone calls over the internet rather than traditional telephone lines, making the calls difficult to trace and posing a challenge for investigators.

Taking the matter seriously, the Delhi Police launched an operation to track down the suspect. Using advanced technical tools, investigators traced the origin of the threat calls to Mysuru.

A Delhi Police team led by an Officer and comprising four personnel arrived in Mysuru, conducted a raid and arrested Srinivas with the support of the V.V. Puram Police. The raid took place last night and the Police teams were searching the house and the belongings of Srinivas till 2.30 am.

Police Officers told *Star of Mysore* that the case highlights the growing challenge of tracking individuals who exploit digital platforms to issue threats.

Officials added that while details about the accused's educational background remain unclear, he had sent threats not only to institutions but also to Judges and had even claimed links with senior advocates.

During the raid, the Police seized a laptop and several SIM cards from his residence. The accused will be taken to New Delhi for further interrogation.

Mysuru again in national focus after bomb threat arrest

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (BLU&BCT)- With the arrest of Srinivas for sending more than 1,100 bomb threat e-mails targeting various establishments across the country, it is the second time a Mysuru resident has drawn national attention in a high-profile case.

The first was D. Manoranjan, a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in Mysuru, accused of being the mastermind behind the Parliament security breach. The incident occurred on Dec. 13, 2023, the 22nd anniversary of the 2001 Parliament attack. During a live Lok Sabha session, Sagar Sharma and D. Manoranjan jumped from the visitors' gallery into the chamber, releasing yellow-coloured gas from canisters and shouting slogans.

At the same time, outside the Parliament complex, Amol Dhanraj Shinde and Neelam Azad released coloured smoke from similar canisters while raising slogans. Lalit Jha and Mahesh Kumawat were later arrested in connection with the case. The matter is currently being heard in a Delhi Court.

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SALE CUM AUCTION

Whereas the Bank auction through its Authorized Officer **The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore-570001.** In exercise of its powers under section 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for sale the **schedule-1 part-A** properties for realization of the **Schedule-1 & Schedule-2 part-B** debts due to the Bank upon the following terms and conditions pursuant to default committed by the borrowers notice is hereby given **under rule 8(6)** of security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 that the sale of property described **in Scheduled-1 part-A** shall be held by the Authorized officer as Per details set out here under.

Date of Sale	**Refer to Schedule -1, part A-Column No.5**
Time of Sale	**Refer to Schedule -1, part A-Column No.5**
Place of Sale	**The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore-570001.**
Reserved price fixed in Rupees	**Refer to Schedule -1, part A-Column No.3**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Refer to Schedule -1, part A-Column No.4**

Schedule-1, part-A

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower	Description of property	Reserve Price in Rupees	EMD in Rupees	Date and Time of Sale
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	**1) Sri Mujeeb Ur Rehman S/o Asgar Pasha 2) Sri Najeeb Ur Rehman S/o Asgar Pasha 3) Sri Mohammed Jabeer S/o Mohammed Saleem** Door No.2595/1, Erekatte Street, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru.	Mysuru City, Lashkar Mohalla, Ashoka Road, West Cross 23, Erekatte Street, Corporation House Door No.2595 New No.L-82, L-82/1. **Measuring:** East-West: 17.00 Feet and North-South: 38.00 Feet. **Bounded by: East by:** Aejaz's Property, **West by:** Noor Ahmed and P.K. Moosa's Property, **North by**: Aejaz's Property, **South by**: Ashoka West Cross 23.	**Rs.30,00,000/-**	**Rs.3,00,000/-**	**On 29.04.2026 11.30 AM Onwards**

Schedule-2 part-B

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower	Nature of Facility & A/c Number	Total dues (Amount in Rupees)
1) Sri Mujeeb Ur Rehman, 2) Sri Najeeb Ur Rehman 3) Sri Mohammed Jabeer	**Mortgage - Account No. HN-360**	**Rs.14,06,639/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Six Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Nine only) + Further Interest and Other charges from 24.03.2026**

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In the event of Schedule- 1part-B debts and the costs of sale being tendered by the borrower on or before **28.04.2026** before **4.00 PM** the Authorized Officer would stop the sale. No communication or offers would be entertained from the borrower once the sale in complete. In the event of sale proceeds of schedule- 1part-A, Schedule-2 part-B property is not sufficient to satisfy the Schedule -2 part- B debts then the Bank would take resources to the remedies available under law for recovery of balance amount.

Conditions of sale:

1. Sale is being held on **as is where is basis**, whatever there and without recourse basis and the Bank is not responsible for title condition or any other fact affecting the property.
2. The particulars specified in schedule-1 part-B have been stated to the best of information of the Bank and will not be answerable for any error misstatement or omission.
3. For the reasons recorded it shall be discretion of the Authorized officer to cancel / postpone the sale for any reason and return The bids Submitted and Bank would not entertain any claim or representation in that regard from the bidders.
4. The person declared to be the purchaser shall pay forth with on receipt of such declaration a deposit of 25% of sale price and Remaining Amount shall be paid with in 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the Bank in the event of default said payment within the above Period the entire amount including EMD deposited by the person declared to be the purchaser shall be forfeited and the property shall be Resold and defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all the claims on the property and the amount.
5. On issuance of Sale Certificate by the Bank sale shall be complete and no claims shall be entertained by the Bank.
6. Nothing in this notice constitutes of will deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Bank to sell the Property Bank reserves the right to cancel./postpone the sale for any reason it may deem fit or even without assigning any reason and Such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.
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9. The Authorized Officer Auctions this property on as **is where is basis** and any issues / disputes shall not be entertained by the Authorized Officer after conclusion of auction proceedings. The successful bidder shall make his / her own arrangements to take the auctioned property In vacant /actual possession and no claims /demand is maintainable before the Authorized Officer by the successful bidder on conclusion of Auction proceedings.

Subject to the conditions of Sale Above tenders are invited from the interested persons willing to purchase the Schedule-1 part-A

* Sealed Tenders must reach the Authorized Officer at the address mentioned above Property on or before **28.04.2026** before **4.00 PM** along with Demand Draft / pay Order towards the earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the property and with the bid from duly completed. Bid form be collected From the **The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore-570001.** Above address. The Demand Draft /pay Order shall be drawn on **The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore-570001.** Cheques will not be accepted or EMD any bid accompanied by a cheque Is liable to be disqualified. The bids will be on **Schedule- 1 part-A** property bids open on **Date: 29.04.2026 After 11.30 AM** in presence of the Authorised officer & bidders present at **The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysore-570001.**
* Bid shall be unconditional and bids with conditions are liable to be rejected.
* Incase highest bid is made by two or more and contain the same offer price. Authorized Officer may at his discretion arrange for open bidding interest the bidders, who have offered the same price
* In that event the amount at biddings is to be increased or the method of bidding shall be as decided by the Authorised Officer.
* Brokers / Middleman shall not to be entertained.
* Only bidder will be participate in public auction.
* The sale Notice has been issued on **26.03.2026** to the borrowers.
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Namma Clinics to open at Mysuru Bus Stands

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MTY&BCT)- Hundreds of commuters, many from surrounding rural areas, arrive and depart daily from Mysuru's Sub-Urban Bus Stand and the City Bus Stand, often with little access to immediate medical help during travel.

To address this, the Health and Family Welfare Department plans to open Namma Clinics at both bus terminals, allowing passengers to access basic healthcare services on the spot. Mysuru district currently has 21 functioning Namma Clinics, including 14 newly sanctioned facilities.

The Health and Family Welfare Department has secured Government approval and signed agreements with transport authorities to set up the clinics at bus stations. The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has agreed to provide space at the bus stands, allowing passengers to seek immediate medical attention when needed.

Namma Clinics are designed to serve neighbourhoods with populations of around 10,000, particularly in areas where access to Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres is limited.

Since their launch in 2022-23, nine clinics in Mysuru have been serving an average of 100 patients daily and have received encouraging public response.

Encouraged by the demand, the Government sanctioned 14 additional clinics last year. Of these, 12 are already operational, while the remaining two are expected to open soon at the bus stands.

Clinic composition

Each clinic is staffed by a doctor, nurse, assistants, a lab technician and a Health Inspector. Medicines are supplied through the PHC system, with PHC Medical Officers serving as Administrators.

Services include treatment for common ailments such as cough, fever and cold, along with diagnostic tests and wellness sessions.

80,000 served so far

The nine original clinics have so far served more than 80,000 people — including 38,000 men, 42,482 women and seven members of the third gender. Over 70,000 patients received medicines, 18,285 underwent diagnostic tests, 20 accessed tele-counselling and 1,670 participated in wellness programmes.

By February this year, the expanded network of 21 clinics had treated nearly 20,000 people, including 9,216 men, 11,287 women and eight members of the third gender.

More than 18,000 patients received medicines, 5,820 diagnostic tests were conducted, 75 wellness sessions were held and outreach services reached 15 individuals.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy said the figures underline the growing role of Namma Clinics in providing accessible, community-level healthcare and reducing pressure on larger hospitals.

"All clinics are providing quality healthcare, with medicines supplied consistently and regular inspections carried out," he added.

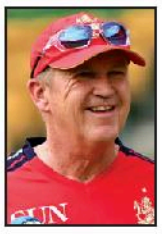
Where Namma Clinics are located

Recently opened clinics include those at Dattagalli, Rajivnagar, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar, Chamundi Hill, Vijayanagar First Stage, Vijayanagar Third Stage, Hale Kesare, K.R. Nagar, Bharath Nagar, Bannur, Ekalavya Nagar and Vijayanagar Fourth Stage.

Earlier clinics continue to function at Yaraganahalli, T. Narasipur, Srirampura, K.R. Nagar, H.D. Kote, Hootagalli, Bogadi, Hosahundi and Periyapatna.

Together, these facilities ensure that residents across both urban and rural areas have access to timely treatment and essential medicines.

We're looking forward to the challenge: RCB Head Coach


Andy Flower

Bengaluru, Mar. 28 - Defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) are all set to play the season opener of the IPL 2026, taking on Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium tonight.

Ahead of the fixture, RCB Head Coach Andy Flower said the team is approaching the new campaign with a fresh outlook despite entering the tournament as the defending champions.

"Of course we are the holders from last year, but this is a brand-new year and we're all looking forward to the challenge. One of the truths in life is that change is always there. We are a different group now, the players are a year older and our opponents have evolved in certain ways. Conditions might also be different, so the challenge of this IPL will be completely different to the last one and we're excited about that," Flower said.

Reflecting on the team's experiences at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, Flower noted that the side has taken valuable lessons from previous outings at the venue. "We lost our first three matches at Chinnaswamy last year and we learned from those experiences. Conditions might be slightly different this time as well, so we'll have to assess that. But at your home venue you should have a better understanding of the nuances of the conditions than your opposition. We've been practicing here and talking a lot about those aspects, so I'd like to think we'll be slightly ahead of the opposition on our own surface," he said.

Flower also spoke about the leadership group within the squad, praising captain Rajat Patidar and his deputy Jitesh Sharma. "It's pretty amazing that in Rajat's first year of captaincy he led RCB to the trophy. He's a very likeable man and he's well respected in the dressing room. He stays nice and calm, which the bowlers really appreciate. Jitesh is a very good deputy as well. He's energetic, tactically aware and sees a lot of the game from behind the stumps, so having those two working together around the square is valuable for the team," he added.

Virat Kohli seen during the practice session at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday.

Reflecting on the form of Virat Kohli, Flower expressed confidence in the senior batter's mindset and preparation heading into the season. "Virat is in a really good space mentally. He's very comfortable with himself but still incredibly hungry and watching him strike the ball in training, he looks at the peak of his powers," Flower said.

Discussing the bowling options within the squad, Flower expressed confidence in the domestic seamers available to the side. "We are happy with the Indian seamers in the squad. Rasikh is a better bowler than he was last year and he's worked very hard on his game. We're also pleased to have recruited Mangesh and we've been encouraged by Abhinandan's progress recently. All three have qualities that put them in good shape if they get their opportunities in this tournament," Flower said.

Flower also provided an update on Australian fast bowler Josh Hazlewood. "Hazlewood arrived yesterday and he's looking fit. It's great to have him back around the dressing room and involved in our meetings again. He won't be ready for tomorrow because he's just arrived, but we'll monitor his fitness closely and we're looking forward to him making his entrance into the IPL soon," the Head Coach said.

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TODAY'S MATCH MARCH 28

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Selected for State-level Basketball Championship

Mysuru, Mar. 28- **Renish Mathew,** an emerging player from the city's Kannegowda Basketball Club (KBC Club), has been selected for the Under-18 Boys State-level Basketball Championship to be held in Bengaluru.

Earlier, Renish had represented Karnataka in the Sub-Junior Basketball Championship. He is a student of St. Rosello Central School, Srirampura.

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	(S-4)	8.00 am, 12.35 pm, 5.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.05 pm
Youth (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm

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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	11.00 am, 3.30 pm, 12.30 pm, 5.00 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Happy Raj (Te)	:	9.30 pm
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Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	: 8.00 am, 8.15 am, 8.40 am, 9.15 am, 12.45 pm, 1.00 pm 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm, 5.45 pm 9.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10. 30 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (K)	: 9.00 am, 5.15 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	: 10.10 am, 12.45 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Youth (Ta)	: 1.45 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	: 2.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	: 4.40 pm
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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	: 8.15 am, 9.40 am, 11.55 am, 1.00 pm, 5.15 pm, 5.45 pm 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	: 4.45 pm
Prathichaya (Ma)	: 1.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	: 2.25 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	: 7.15 am, 8.15 am, 9.10 am, 12.00 pm, 1 pm, 4.45 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	: 10 am, 1.50 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	: 12.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Youth (Ta)	: 3.50 pm
Happy Raj (Te)	: 10.00 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	: 8.15 am, 12.00 pm, 1.00 pm, 4.45 pm 5.45 pm, 10.30 pm,
Dhurandhar The Revenge (K)	: 9.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	: 7.25 pm, 10.15 pm

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EVENTS TODAY (MAR. 28)

- **The Trio & the Books & Brews Library:** 2nd edition of Fresh Look at Feminism, conversations & introspections on 'Unlearning Behaviours,' Phoenix International Academy, next to Mandovi Motors, KRS Road, **4 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-925, M. Shashidhara Dongre, Engineer, L&T Technology Services, Mysuru, narrates story about Famous Oceanic Adventures, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097]
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru and Abhiruchi Prakashana:** Releasing of the book 'Party,' a play written by Mahesh Elkunchwar and translated by Prasad Kundur; Prof. O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy, Chidambara Rao Jambe, Jayanth Kaikini, D.S. Chougale, Satish Tiptur and Abhiruchi Ganesh will be present, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **5 pm.**
- **Maharatna Trust, Mysuru:** 4th Anniversary celebrations and International Women's Day celebrations led by Mysore Mahalinga M. Lakshmipura, Adarsha Mahila Ratna Award presentation and State-level Bhajan Competition Valedictory Ceremony, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy delivers valedictory address; Awardees are poetess & film director M.N. Latha Mohan and writer & social worker Indiramma Nataraj; Maharani's Women's College for Commerce and Management Commerce Department Head Dr. R. Nalini chief guest, Maharatna Trust Hon. President C.V. Parthasarathy presides, Maharatna Trust Founder-President Mysore Mahalinga will be present, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Vijayanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Shivaranjani Bhajana Mandali, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Vid. Manasa Nayana, Mysuru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. Rahul Vellal, accompanied by Vid. Vaibhav Ramani on violin, Vid. Vinod Shyam Anoor on mridanga and Vid. Sunaad Anoor on khanjira, Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, N.S. Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Classical Music by Vid. Ramakrishnan Murthy, accompanied by Vid. Sai Rakshith on violin and Vid. Delhi Sai Ram on mridanga, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Ramanavami, Sri Rama Taraka Homa, Sri Anjaneya Homa; Veena-Flute-Violin Concert by Vidu. Dr. Veena Ravikumar, Vidu. Dr. Vanisethu Madhavan and Vid. M.G. Narahari, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** 7th Ramothsava, Devaranama by Yashaswini Mahila Sangha, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, **6.30 pm;** Lecture on 'Ramayanadalli Hanumanthana Patra' by Dr. Veena Bannanje, Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Sri Sri Haridasara Koota Samiti, New Rama Mandira, Gandhinagar 4th Cross:** Sri Cheluvanarayanaswamy Vairamudi Utsava, New Sri Rama Mandira, Gandhinagar 4th Cross, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR. 29)

- **Karnataka Police Academy (KPA):** Passing out Parade of the 46th batch of trainee Sub-Inspectors (Civil), Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chief guest, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar presides, KPA Parade Grounds, **8 am.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Srinidhi Bhajana Mandali, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru, **9 am;** Bhajans by Vijaya Vittala Bhajana Mandali, Srirampet, Mysuru, **10 am to 11 am;** Bhajans by Harismarana Bhajana Mandali, Mysuru, **5.30 pm;** Devaranama and Bhavageete by Vidu. K.P. Revathi, Mysuru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Seetha Kalyana at Rama Mandira, **10 am;** Prasada Viniyoga, **1 pm;** Laya Lavanya - Talavadya Khacheri by Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma & Party, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **National Service Scheme, University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Government of Karnataka:** Valedictory of National Integration Camp, Prof. Suresh V. Nadagoudar, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, delivers valedictory speech, Dr. Prathap Lingaiah, State NSS Officer, NSS Cell, Government of Karnataka, Giridhar Upadhyay, Regional Director, Regional Directorate of NSS, Government of India, Bengaluru and Santhoth, Youth Officer, Regional Directorate of NSS, Government of India, Bengaluru, chief guests, M.K. Savitha, Registrar, UoM, presides, NSS Bhavan, Sahukar Chennaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, **11 am.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat:** Monthly public meeting, on-site live demonstration of 'green property,' presenters are Ramesh Kikkeri (Engineer) and U.N. Ravi Kumar (Scientist) — Active Conservationists and Life Members of MGP — Ramesh Kikkeri's residence, #139, Susthira, Sharadanagara Railway Layout, Bogadi, **4 pm.**
- **Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC):** Architectural Expo featuring the works of celebrated South African architect Peter Rich titled 'Landscape Architecture - Architecture Landscape,' JCAC, Vijayanagar, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat & Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Arya Edigara Sangha, Mysuru:** Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya Endowment and Munnar Krishnaiah Endowment Lecture by artist Dr. V. Jamunarani Mirle and retd. Professor K.R. Premaleela; Sangha President Dr. M.K. Potharaju inaugurates, Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal presides, theatre person Rajashekar Kadamba chief guest, Sangha premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Sahitya Chavadi, 'Meru Smruti - Mahaniyarondigina Odanatada Nenapugalu' by noted researcher Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru District Committee:** Ugadi Sambhrama 2026, special lecture by Sanskrit Scholar Vid. Dr. H.V. Nagaraj Rao, releasing of books authored by Nanjangud Satyanarayana, Vijaya Vittala PU College auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. Saketharaman from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, N.S. Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Ramanavami, Sudarshana Narasimha Homa; Karnatak Classical Music by Brahmavidya institution of Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Handi-Mandi' (based on 'Animal Farm' of George Orwell), directed by Shakeel Ahmed, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm & 8.10 pm.**

Book Release, Award Presentation and Kavigoshti event tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 28- As part of its Founder-President M.B. Santosh's 65th birthday celebrations, Mysore Sahitya Mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana has organised Book Release, Award Presentation and Kavigoshti programmes at Ideal Jawa Rotary School on JLB Road in city tomorrow (Mar. 29) at 10 am.

Basava Balaga Okkuta Mysuru President M. Chandrashekar will inaugurate the event and release the books 'Sri Ramayana Charitamrutavani' (authored by Dr. C. Vani Raghavendra) and 'Akshara Jyothi' (authored by K. Paramesh). Retd. Tahsildar and writer Dr. V. Ranganath and Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala lecturer Saragur Ramesh will speak about the books.

Authors K. Paramesh & Dr. C. Vani Raghavendra and Parishat General Secretary B. Shobha will be the guests of honour. M.B. Santosh will preside.

On the occasion, Dr. Sahana Bhat will be conferred with 'Natya Choodamani' award, Greeshma Tatti with 'Yuvashree' and M.S. Nishanth with 'Balashree' award.

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